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**HOMELAND SECURITY PROVIDES TRAINING TO IMPROVE
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE CAPABILITIES**

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has just completed training for Kathy Hyde of the Utah Commission on Volunteers in Orem, Utah, at its National Emergency Training Center. Homeland Security trains thousands of Americans at this facility each year to enhance the ability of communities to manage significant emergencies and disasters, both manmade and natural.

"Homeland Security trains thousands of firefighters, emergency service personnel, government officials and private citizens every year. This training helps better secure the homeland – saving lives, protecting property and enhancing disaster planning, response and recovery across the country," said Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response. "Graduates of these training programs make a major contribution back at home, in communities such as Orem."

Ms. Hyde completed the Emergency Management Institute's Organizing and Sustaining Citizen Corps course in Emmittsburg, Maryland, on September 2, 2004. This course provides a pathway to success for those with responsibility for the development, organization, or implementation of a Citizen Corps council. This highly interactive class provides participants with the opportunity to apply creative and relevant course information to their communities while at the training, so the participant leaves with a plan for organizing and sustaining their Citizen Corps council in their own community.

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages Citizen Corps, the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

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